

## OXFORDSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP

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### Food Waste Treatment Contract Update

## ITEM 10(a)

#### **1 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To update the OWP on progress on the Food Waste Treatment procurement project.

#### **2 Background**

- 2.1 Following an extensive evaluation period, the Food Waste Treatment project has moved to preferred bidder stage. Due diligence checks have been completed successfully and the project will be able to move to contract award imminently. A further update on the contract award will be given at the meeting. Once the contract has been awarded a public announcement will be made about the provider and location of the plants being delivered.
- 2.2 As part of this process, information about facilities, location and timescales for delivery has been shared with the waste collection authorities to ensure that these fit as far as possible with proposed changes to collection schemes. The County Council is aware of the plans to introduce new collection schemes during 2009/10 and the implications of any further slippage in the programme to these schemes.
- 2.3 An agreement between the County and Districts regarding the delivery of food waste and provision of facilities has been circulated and agreed in principle by the Officer Strategy Group. This document confirms each party's commitment to delivery of food waste, and acknowledgement of the implications of any deviation from these plans to either party. The unsigned document is attached as "not for publication" Appendix A of this report. Once approved by the OWP, this will be circulated to the individual authorities for formal signature.
- 2.4 The minimum tonnages expressed in the agreement are as projected by the Waste Collection Authorities for the entirety of 2009/10. As there has been some delay to the procurement process, these will be prorated to accommodate this. In doing so, the seasonal

trends associated with organic waste collection will also be taken into consideration.

- 2.5 To ensure joint working on the implementation of food waste schemes within the County, a dedicated Officer group is being established that will involve the District and County Councils as well as the successful Food Waste Treatment contractor. This will have a mix of officer skills and will consider both operational and promotional aspects of introducing these schemes.

### **3 Financial, Risk and Staff Implications**

- 3.1 As previously reported, shared commitment to this project is important as the contract will require the County Council to agree minimum tonnages to be delivered to a facility (or facilities), with penalty payments incurred for failure to meet these. Bids have been received on the basis of tonnage bands in the knowledge of the indicative potential tonnages provided by the Authorities in the Invitation To Tender documentation.

### **4 Areas Affected**

- 4.1 County wide

### **5 Effect on Strategic Policies**

- 5.1 The procurement of food waste processing capacity is in accordance with policy 6 of the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy, to increase recycling and composting.

### **6 Options or Alternatives**

- 6.1 N/A

### **7 Recommendations**

- 7.1 To note and support the progress made on the procurement of the food waste treatment contract.

7.2 To consider the food waste agreement as set out in Appendix A and suggest any additions and amendments ahead of issue to partner councils for signing.

## **8 Reasons for Recommendations**

8.1 To demonstrate OWP support for the procurement of food waste treatment.

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